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SECRETS IN

England Building Dreadnought With Many **Improvements**

London, Feb. 3.—The American Consul at Tabriz, Mr. Gordon Pad-dock, had a decidedly exciting time during the recent fighting between Russians and Persians there, according to a letter from an old resident which has just reached London.

The American Consulate is just in

the shadow of the old citadel, popular-The Ark was ly called the "Ark." one of the principal targets for the Russian artillery fire, and it was shelled hotly for several days. Mant shells burst over the consulate buildings and around Mr. Paddock's house and the principal damage was the destruction of the flagstaff from the stars and destruction of the sta but fortunately no one was injured, which the stars and stripes were fly-

During ten years in the consular service Mr. Paddock has been a spectator of many interesting events in far parts of the world. He was sta tioned some years at Seoul, in Korea and there witnessed the naval battle when the Russian cruisers "Variag" and "Korletz" were sunk by the Japanese at the beginning of the Russo Japanese war. He saw the debarka tion of the Japanese forces; was afterward at Harbin in the times when it was unsafe for a white man to venture into the streets after dark, and in Mukden witnessed the most stirring days of the "reconstruction" of Manchuria.

This letter, which came by the first mail to leave Tabriz after the fighting, contains interesting news of the situation there

"A good many bodies of Russian so! dlers were mutilated by the Persian Fedals," says the writer, "but there is no evidence, so far as I can discover, that there were any cases of torturo, although the Russians Insist that there A good many non-combatants were killed or wounded-how many is unknown as might be expected in treet fighting in a walled town like this. Some were killed in the Russian attacks on the houses occupied by the Fedais, near the Russian camp, but there was no such thing as a massacre of innecent women and chil dren by the Russians. In fact, they women and children as refugees

into their camp during the fighting.
"Russian soldiers have done some looting and robbing, and they do not seem to be under perfect discipline. But since the arrival of the commanding general that has been pretty well suppressed, except that the Russian authorities have destroyed a good many houses of leaders of the Nationalist party; in other words, of the recoginzed government before this affair. The worst feature of the matter from a non-political viewpoint seems to be the hanging on the first instant of some of the prominent constitutionalists here, and the method of doing it was not too clylized. The execution of Sigat-ul-Islam, a noted personage, and of Ziah-ul-Ullman, late chief justice, has caused much com-

The new battleship, the keel of which was recetnly laid at Portsmouth dockyard, the first of the five armored ships of the 1911,1912 programme, will be known as the "secret ship, It is generally known that she is to largest battleship built the British navy, that she is to have an anti-torpedo battery of six-inch instead of four-inch guns, as in older ships, and that there is to be a great improvement in the compartments to prevent sinking in case she is tor pedoed. Beyond this, however, the admiralty are introducing changes which are to remain a secret for the time

Usually the laying of the first keel plate is attended with some ceremony and naval attaches and others are invited. On this occasion, however, only the dockyard officials, Miss Evelyn Moore, daughter of Adm?ral Sir Ar-thur Moore, who performed the ceremony, and a few ladies were present. Newspapermen and photographers were rigorously excluded. The ship is to be completed in two years, but it is quite likely that she will be reads service before that time. Immeditely her first plate was laid workmen commenced putting other plates in position, so that before the afternoon had passed the vessel commenced to take shape. In fact, a great deal of the material was ready before the actual work of construction commenced

Dr. Fletcher, the dietetic expert, who has been stopping in Copenhagen, has finished a course of living on potatoes and margarine, which last ed fifty-eight days. The object was prove that a man can live comfortably and do a reasonable amount of work on a diet of potatoes plus a berger has decided to dispose of a small amount of nitrogen or protein. One thusand five hundred drachms of polatoes per day and 250 drachms of this company, interest payable semiprotein constituted the entire nourhment which Dr. Fletcher took

The American minister to Denmark Dr. M. F. Egan, has been observing eneriments in the laboratory of Dr llinhedes on the results of various exetable diets. The tes's made by Dr. Hinhedes were similar to ones de at Yale. Dr. Egan proposes to and a report of his observations to his government

EGYPTIAN COTTON CROP.

Mexandria Front Fob 7.-The otlan cotton cron is new estimat-It is expected that the tor qualities will be held for higher

REV. ROBERTS DEAD. New York, Feb. 3.- The Rev. Dr. Charles G. Roberts, one of the oldest

and most widely known Congregational clergymen in the United States, is dead at his home at Flushing, L. I., in

his Sard year.
At the outbreak of the Civil war, he was a paster of a church in southern Illinois and was a close friend of Abraham Lincoln.

In his services, one Sunday morn the place was attacked by a band of confederates, but the congregation escaped unharmed. He later served pastorates in Kansas City and Brook

FORTUNE IS A SURPRISE TO SMITH'S RELATIVES

New York, Feb. 3 -Appraisal of the estate of the late William Van Rensselaer Smith, at one time partner of John Arbuckle, in the sugar and coffee business, shows that he left a fortune amounting to \$5,850,000. The bulk of this goes to the widow, who is 78 years of age.

Smith died in November, five years after his retirement from business. He was regarded as well-to-do, but not even his relatives suspected that his wealth was so large.

Italian Worker Sees a Roll of Bills and Is Tempted

New York, Feb. 3 .- "If finders were keepers" Salvatore Giovgione, an Italian laborer employed by the contractors who are clearing away the ruins of the Equitable building, would be taking passage for Italy today. Un-fortunately for him, the owners of the building are careful to see that the workmen give up whatever they find

Steel workers were cutting away the girders which buried on of the vaults when suddenly Salvatore saw a roll of bills, and surreptitiously his hands slipped down and grasped the money He slid out of the crowd of workmen and was burrying off when a detective snatched the roll from his hand. It contained exactly \$3,000.

STATEMENT OF NEW YORK BANKS

of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold \$46,015,000 reserve in excess of legal require This is an increase of \$217. ments. 600 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week.

The statement follows: Daily Average. Loans \$1,998,407,000; increase \$20. Specie \$391,393,000; increase \$6,-

Legal tenders \$88,936,000; decrease \$2,453,000 Net deposits \$1,901,894,000; in. crease \$17,384,000. Circulation \$50,461,000; decrease

Banks cash reserve in vault \$416,-632,000. Trust companies' cash reserve in vaults \$63,697,000.

Aggregate cash reserve \$480,329,000. Excess lawful reserve \$46,015,000 increase \$317,000 Trust companies' reserve with clearing house members carrying 25 per

cent reserve, \$77,298,000 Actual condition Loans \$2,007,738,000; Increase \$24,-

Specie \$389,694,000; increase \$496. Legal tenders \$87,136,000; decrease

\$3,618,000 Net deposits \$1.906,423,000; increase \$17,550,000 Circulation 850,749,000; decrease

Banks' cash reserve in vaults \$414 .-Trust companies' cash reserve in

vault \$62,160,000. Aggregate cash reserve \$476,830,000

Excess lawful reserve \$40,775,850; decrease \$7,987,200. Trust companies' reserve with clearing house members carrying 25 pe cent cash reserve, \$76,273,000.

A FINANCIAL SUCCESS

Owing to the splendid showing of the annual statement of the Salt Lake & Ogden Railway company (Bamber ger Electric Line) Mr. Simon Bamlimited number of shares of his personal 6 per cent preferred stock of annually, June 1st and December 1st, to the bona fide residents of Salt Lake, Davis and Weber Countles at par and accumulated interest. The money realized from the sale of this stock is to be used in facilitating the double tracking of the road and acquiring additional rolling stock, etc., without delay, so that a more frequent service may be installed. Annual statement and statement of carnings and operation for the year 1911 may be btained on a pl'cation at the office of Simon Bamberger, 161 Main street Salt Lake City Utah.

STOCK MARKET SHOWS GREATER STRENGTH

New York, Feb. 3.-The stock market stiffened at the opening today. Trading was fairly active although

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and Turkish Italian Canines in a Savage Battle

Paris, Feb. 3.-Raymond Poincare the new prime minister, is one of the most interesting figures in the French Republic. In him are combined all that one understands by French culture dignity and charm of manner, added to a reputation of stern integrity that s nation-wide

This is the third time that the French Academy has supplied the Third Republic with a prime minister. The first was the Duke of Broglie in 1873, and the second was M. De Freynet in 1890,

Poincare comes to power with ripe leas on the subject of government once expressed the triple wish, which may be taken as the key to is attitude, that deputies would legislate without attempting to govern that ministers would govern on their own responsibility, and that justice should know no politics. He is a consistent opponent of socialism, but has expressed himself grateful to socialfor the opportunities they afford ed for studying their theories and discussing them calmly and dispas-sionately. His versatility is to a considerable degree a matter of family influence, for his father, uncle, elder brother and cousin have all been distinguished in science and literature; and, as was said by Lavisse when Poincare was introduced into the academy, they might be said to constitute a little family university all by themselves. Poincare has denounced anti-patriotism in the present state of Europe as a most ghastly deception and places love of country above all other considerations.

In his private and domestic life, the new premier is anything but a recluse. He has a fine house near the famous Bols de Boulogne, where he entertains largely, but his family, his friends, his books and his works of art occupy the greatest place in his affection and his attention. He does not miss many first night performances at the theatre. He is fond of racing and may occasionally be seen at Longchamp and Auteuil. He is also a lover of animals and his compan-ions while at work and study are a nandsome collie dog and a pure-bred Persian est.

A lawyer, by profession, Poincare is equally at home in art, literature and philosophy.

A curious battle, not down on the program of the opposing generals, was fought recently in the historic suburbs Ain-Zara, one of the last towns to be captured by the Italians in the Tripoli war. At midnight a furious howling was heard coming from score of dogs attached to the Italian army who had last been seen turning about the outposts. An alarm was at once given and all the soldlers seized their rifles and prepared themselves or a night attack from the Turks and Arabs. It was not a man attack this time, however, but a surprise visit Arabs. from about fifteen dogs attached to the Turkish forces. Soldiers leaned | knife. upon muskets and watched one of the flercest engagements of the campaign. the savagery formerly seen among the canines of Constantinople, and when the soldiers finally cleared the field of action five dogs were found dead and a number mortally wound.

The recent sensational escape of Captain Lux of the French army from a German fortress has brought into vely discussion the question of spy-A leading French monthly has ing. invited leading members of the French Academy and of the French Institute to give their opinion. The majority onsider that the employment of spies s dangerous, demoralizing and useess. Jules Claretie declared that Ger. nany on principle buys all spying inany decoration on a spy, whatever up in health wonderfully.

risks he might have occurred Baron D'Estournelles de Constant answered that while he considered esplonage unworthy of any civilize! nation, he still thought that it was puerile to attempt to suppress it un-der a system of armed peace. He der a system of armed peace. thought, however, that the question might be referred to The Hague conference.

NO WORD FROM THE PEACE ENVOYS For the Purpose of Mak-

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 3.-At an ear hour today no word had come from he peace envoys, headed by Azelardo Anava, cousin of General Pascual Or malayuca to confer with federal leaders regarding a settlement of the lieved an agreement would be reach ed until later in the day, insurrects leaders construe the delay as an indication of favorable developments.

About thirty Chinese and Japanes from the interior of Mexico are being cared for at the United States immigration building. They appeared at the El Paso end of the international bridge with stories of robberies perpetrated by mutineers.

FEUD IS CAUSED BY SCHOOL GIRL

San Francisco, Feb. 3.-An unchaperoned school girl, pretty and vivacious and 15 years of age, caused a feud aboard the Pacific Mail steamer Persia that nearly resulted in Dr. R. M. Stephenson of Charleston S. being placed in irons who now threatens to bring suit against Cap-

tain Lockett master of the vessel.

Details of the trouble, which has
as its central figure, Miss Ramona
McShane, a graduate of the Berkeley high school, were made public by passengers on the steamer on its arrival from the Orient today and later confirmed by the principals in the affair According to Miss McShane the trouble started soon after the Persia left the Orient, due, she says, to the insistence of Captain Lockett in pay-ing her unsolicited attentions.

"Later I made the acquaintance of Dr. Stephenson, whose wife had recently died," said Miss McShane. "He was bringing his little baby home and we became very good friends.

"Captain Lockett resented the attentions of Dr. Stephenson to me and a quarrel took place." According to Dr. Stephenson, the master of the vessel, told him he

would have to quit strolling on the deck with Miss McShane and accused him of certain improper acts. "I called witnesses to prove the injustice of these charges," said he. "Several days later the captain threatened to put me in irons if I did not obey his commands."

Japan and Russia Will Renew Their Conflict

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 3 .- Study of conditions in the Orient has convinced Professor Frederick Starr of the University of Chicago, that Korea. within the next few years, will be the battleground for two great wars, one between Russia and Japan, and the other between Japan and China, Pro. fessor Starr, who has just returned from the Far East, discussed the sitnation there in a lecture before the Society of Natural Science here last He justified the Japanese gov ernment for breaking its promise to maintain the independence of Korea on the general ground that Korea is necessary to Japan for defensive pur-

Dr. Starr declared that the Russian government, filled with rage and humiliation over its defeat by Japan, is biding its time and making preparations to give a better account of itself in the next struggle. Japan, by selzing Korea and developing and fortifying the country is saiding the best possible preparation for the struggle.

FEAR CAUSED HER TO KILL HERSELF

Chicago, Feb. 3 .- Fear of a surgeon's knife was responsible last night for the suicide of Mrs. Elinore She had been operated on before for appendicitis, but the work was not satisfactorily done... told by a physician in the presence of her husband that she would have to undergo a second slege with the

"I will commit suicide first," she Her husband and the doctor The dogs fought with something of laughed. When she reached home, she

OUTDOOR SLEEPERS IN GOOD HEALTH

Chicago, Feb. 3.-A society composed entirely of outdoor sleepers will be formed here next Monday night. The society, according to its originator, Charles H. Gard, is "for the mutual exchange of experiences.

We want to get the outdoor sleepers together for mutual benefit," he said last night. "I've been sleeping formation offered to her, but that since last June and have not caught Napoleon always refused to confer a cold or a cough so far. I've picked

ARE BROKEN

ing the Child an Athlete

Cincinnati, Feb. 2 - Humane socie ty officers here witnessed a private performance today given by a threeyear-old boy whose ankles and wrists had been broken when he was ten days old in order to make him an acrobat and wrestler. The youngster is the son of R. G. Neof, a Greek, who claims that he was a student of phy-sical culture in Greece. Need told the officers that he had broken the wrists and ankles of his son when he was ten days old and a month later began training the baby for an ath-letic career. In his performance, the Neof child dislocated his ankles and wriste at will and caused them to asume many unnatural positions. By bending backward with hands

and feet on the floor in a wrestler's bridge, the child easily supported 150 pounds on his chest. The humane officers decided not to interfere with Neof's plan of develpring the child, but exacted a promise that no public exhibition would be given by the bey for at least five

Many Pacific Coast Cities Are Scenes of Fighting

San Francisco, Feb. 3-Pacific coast cities from San Diego. Cal., to Vancouver, B. C., found themselves today confronted with a Chinese tong war. With three men already bullet-riddled. another armistice flagrantly lated mercendaries and leaders of the great Chinese family societies made ready to defend themselves and avenge their friends, and while tong wars are strictly Chinese affairs, they interrupt all business done with Ori-

Two distinct fends must be wiped out before the clans in Portland, Ore., San Jose, Cal., San Francisco and other points may lay deadly modern automatic firearms, which have replaced the hatchet of former days and turn over to the whites the taxicab in which they oursue and escape

At San Jose, Lee Kee, a member the Hip Sing tong, is dead, and Wah Get, a Hop Sing tong man is un-der arrest. This feud, starting from the beating up of a Hop Sing man who was collecting a gambling fund has swept over the efforts of pacification of the Six Companies, the su-pervising body of all the tongs. In San Francisco when Lee Kee's death became known, allies of the Hip Sings shot two Hop Sing men, Luis Song and Wong Yuk Sun, full of holes, with automatic revolvers. This news, reaching Portland, led to a rush for quantities of arms purchased earlier in the day. In Portland also, the situation is accentuated by the Hop Sing and the Bow Lung tong over the recent murder of Seid Bing, who was a Bow Lung man Finally, the Suey Sing tong is lined up with the Hip Sings to fight the Hop Sings, al-though no white man knows just where the Sucy Sings come into the

Was Tammany's Famous Orator in State and Nation

New York, Feb. 3.-State Senator Thomas F. Grady, widely known in Democratic councils in state and nation and familiarly called "The Sil. ver Tongued Orator of Tammany Hall," died at his home here early today. The senator, for many years the Democratic leader in the state senate, had been ill for several weeks and recently underwent an operation. Yesterday he was brought back to his home on East Thirtleth street, where he died. His sister, Miss Mar-

garet Grady, was with him. Senator Grady first became widey known politically after a quarrel with Grover Cleveland As a result, Grady opposed Cleveland for presi-dent. He bolted Cleveland and took the stump for Ben Butler and together they toured the country. Afterwards Cleveland and Grady became recon-

Senator Grady was spokesman for Tammany hall both in the state and

LOST IN COOK COUNTY JAIL

Chicago, Feb. 3 .- Persons frequently are lost in Chicago, but seldom under as strange circumstances as Tony Provost, who was "found" yesterday. He had been "lost" for four months in the Cook county jail. A friend who visited another prisoner found him and procured his release.

Provost had been sentenced to im. presonment for disorderly conduct, the sentence to expire Sept. 15th. The jailers forgot him. Tony repeatedly told them he ought to be released, but the only reply vouchsafed him was "That's what they all say"

WELSH AND BRITTON MEET.

San Francisco, Feb. 3. Freddy Welsh and Jack Britton will meet here in a twenty-round match on the afternoon of Washington's birthday, weighing in at 133 pounds that morn-ing. The fight will be of considerable importance inasmuch as Cham-plon Wolgast has mentioned the Engishman as probably being his next pponent. By setting the date on Febnary 22, Promoter Coffroth will preipitate a fight war with his rival pronoter, Jack O'Connell, who will stage Frank Klaus and Sallor Petroskey on he same afternoon.

STEEPLEJACK TRIES

New York, Feb. 3.- F. Redman Law. New York, Feb. 3.—F. Reulian , steeplejack by profession. "biggest the secretary of war, which we steeplejack by profession, brief but pointed, morely instructing fool in New York" by self-description, brief but pointed morely instructing fool in New York by self-description, brief but pointed in Juayez to be self-description of the secretary of war, which we see that the secretary of war, which we see the secretary of war, which we see the secretary of war, which we see that the secret once," leaned from the upper most ledge of the torch of the Statue of Liberty yesterday afternoon with a

en, feared that the canvas would not open. Indeed professional jumpers almost unanimously declared that the distance was too short for the descent to be sufficiently checked. But about midway down the para-

chute spread and Law's body, sway-ing and swinging in the trapeze perilously near the statue, was borne to He landed with a bump on the fro-zen grass at the foot of the pedestal

He was stunned and his right leg was painfully wrenched, but otherwise he was all right. 'Gimme a drink and a cigarette,' he said to those who were running to pick him up. When the prescription had been filled he grinned cheerfully

and said, "Nothing to do till tomor Law's feat was performed for the benefit of a moving picture concern, was seen by only a handful of friends and a couple of hundred solilers on Bedloes island. He got \$1,-

I'm going off the Eiffel tower in Paris next summer," he declared, This jumping business is an awful

As Described by Chinese Woman in Her Confession

Portland, Ore., Feb. 3.-In a statement made in the presence of Joseph Day, chief of detectives and Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald, Oi Sen. the beautiful Chinese girl under arrest in connection with a charge of murdering Seid Bing, whose dismembered body was found in the Seattle depot, is said to have given the alleged details of the crime, early to-

In substance the statement given out by the authorities is as follows: The slaying of Seid Bing occurred about 1 o'clock in the morning of December 20, in Oi Sen's room, Lew Soon, said to be the owner of a saloon in San Francisco, and Wong SI Sam, a butcher and cook, were visiting her, when Seld Bing arrived.

The men began a quarrel, the state ment continues, which ended in Lev Soon striking Seid Bing on the head with a hammer. Seid Bing fell upon Of Sen's bed after which, the statement says, the two men removed Seld from the bed to the floor and cut his throat. The statement pro-ceeds to say that at this point Oi Sen was sent from the room and that when she returned Wong Si Sam and Lew Soon were wrapping the dismembered body and preparing it for pack-

ing in the trunk. The statement says that the men ordered Oi Sen to procure a ticket to Seattle and have the trunk checked to the King street depot in that city and that she compiled with their

demand. While the girl was making her statement, detectives went to a tong hotel in this city where Lew Soon was staying and took him into cus-

Both men, when told of the alleged statement, denied emphatically that there was a word of truth in it.

MEXICANS

There Must Be No Firing Into the City of El Paso

Washington, Feb. 3 -Col, Edgar Z. Steever, commanding the Fourth United States cavalry at El Paso, has been instructed to prevent firing into American territory and the Mexican authorities have received a warning from the American government not to permit shooting across the border These orders have been issued as a result of the exchange of telegrams between Pesidentr Taft and governor Colquitt of Texas, Col. Steever has replied to the department that there has yet been no firing into American territory

Although representations have been made to the Mexican government by Ambassador Wilson for the protection of the family of G. P. Robinson, manager of a mining company, who was captured by the rebels, advices to the state department express doubt as to the ability of the Mexican government to give this protection. Casas Grandes is reported to have gone over the insurrectos without a shot being fired.

El Paso, Feb. 3.—Col. E. Z. Steever, ommanding the United States troops guarding the American border on the El Paso side of the river, gave formal notice to the Mexican government today through Mexican Concul Llorente, in El Paso, that he would take such steps as he deemed necessary to protect American interests if there she he a repetition of the events of last May when bullets fired in Juarez dur THE PARACHUTE GAME ing the battle, killed and wounded citizens of El Paso. Col. Steever reprevent firing into United States ter-

ritory. Gen. Orozco is coming from Chi parachule a distance of 345 feet.

For 150 feet he dropped at light the situation. He is loyal to the gov-ning speed with a six feet of the ernment andthe men in Juarez are The spec | tors, herror-strick | loval to him

Newspaper Man Claims to Have Destroyed the Wisconsin Senator

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—The dinner of the Periodical Publishers' association did not break up until an early hour this morning and its close was marked by a tart denunciation of Senator La Follette by Don C. Seltz, of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, who acted as toastmaster.

Senator La Follette began his speech near midnight and spoke for nearly two hours. The more than 600 diners were visibly wearied by the long drawn out remarks of the Wisconsin senator and toward the close frequent. ly interrupted him. Much of his speech was devoted to the money power and an attack on the sincerity of the newspaper press of the country. When he had finished, Tostmaster.

"I shall not attempt, nor have I the time, to come to the defense of the newspapers of the country which have just been foolishly, wickedly and untruthfully assailed.

Senator La Follette made no sign of hearing the caustic remark which was uttered in a half angry tone Today in an interview Mr. Seltz "As the banquet was given by the

magazine publishers and as I was a guest of Cyrus H. K. Curtis, president of the association, I had to be cautious in my remarks on Senator La Follette, I don't recall exactly what I said when the senator had finished, but I do remember declaring that the senator had made an unkind, unjust and wilfully malicious attack on the newspapers of the nation and if I had more time, I would have said something stronger on the subject

'Last night's dinner, during which we thought we would 'josh' the states-man, ended in a calamity. It was a tragedy for Senator La Follette's hopes. He has simply wiped himself

off the map, "Undoubtedly he came to Philadelphia to make the address of his life and when it developed into an infam-ous slander of the newspapers and a wallowing, sycophant's praise of the magazines, I realized that the man had overstepped his mark.

Previous to that time, the senator had talked for more than two hours. and when he concluded I certainly rebuked him. In my mind, the senator, not knowing the relationship between the magazines and the newspapers, came to the dinner to attack

The portion of Senator La Follette's

speech to which Mr. Seltz took exception was as follows: I have sketched the growth and power of the great interests that today control our property and our governments. I have shown how subtle and elusive, yet relentless, they are. Rising up against them is the confus-

ed voice of the people. Their heart is true but their eyes do not yet see all the intricate sources of power. Who shall show them? There are only two agencies that in any way can reach the whole people. These are the press and the platform. But the platform in no way compares with the press in its power of continuous re-peated instruction.

One would think that in a democracy like ours, seeking for Instruction, able to read and understand, the press would be the eager and willing in-structors—such was the press of Horce Greeley, Henry Raymond, Charles A Dana, Joseph Medill and Horace "But what do we find has occurred

in the last few years; the money power has gained control of our industry. and government. It controls the newspaper press. The people know this. Their confidence is weakened and destroyed. No longer are the editorial columns of newspapers a potent force in educating public opinion. The newspapers, of course, are still pat. ronized for news. But even this news the public is fast becoming to understand that wherever news items bearing in any way on the control of government by business, the news is colored; so confidence in the newspaper as a newspaper is being undermined

"Cultured and able men are still to be found on the editorial staffs of all great dailies, but the public understands them to be hired men who no longer express honest conviction, and who write what they are told to write,

and whose judgments are salaried. "To the subserviency of the press to special interests in no small degree due the power and influence and prosperity of the weekly and monthly magazines. A decade ago, young men trained in journalism came to see this control of the newspapers of the They saw this unoccupied country. field. And they went out and built up great periodicals and magazines. They were free.

EASY DIVORCES TO BE STOPPED

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 3,-As the result of an agreement among the judges of the superior court bench of King county, Judge H. A. P. Myers announced vesterday from the bench that the closest scrutiny would hereafter be given to all divorce cases presented, and that decrees for trivial causes would be absolutely bar-

The general impression seems to have spread," said the court, c'that divorces are easily obtained and that a husband or wife can step in and get one in five or ten minutes.